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THE ODYSSEY
BY HOMER
PINKAMENA
DIANE PIE!

SUGAR CUBE ISLAND.

A LOOOOONNNGGGG TIME AGO.

SACRE BLEU!
THEN THE STORIES
REALLY ARE
TRUE?

THE FAMOUS
PINKAMENA DIANE PIE HAS
NOT YET RETURNED FROM LE
GREAT TROJAN BAKING
COMPETITION?

BUT IT HAS BEEN OVER FOR
WHAT FEELS LIKE...AH, HOW DO
YOU SAY...10 YEARS NOW!

THEN THIS *SOIRÉE* AT
SUGAR CUBE CORNER IS
NOT A WELCOME BACK
PARTY AFTER ALL?

NO, INDEED,
MONSIEUR LE
GRAND, THOUGH WE
CERTAINLY DO WISH
THAT WERE THE
CASE!

~THE WORLD'S
MOST PERFECT-EST
CUPCAKE!!!

SEE, MISS PINKIE PIE LEFT
SOMETHING BEHIND BEFORE SHE
ENTERED THE COMPETITION--

AND AS THE BEST BAKER
LEFT ON SUGAR CUBE ISLAND,
IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT
I SHOULD BE THE ONE
TO GET IT.

OH, GENTLEMEN!
I DO BELIEVE YOU
ARE UNDERESTIMATING
MY ABILITIES, HMM?
AFTER ALL, I MAKE
QUITE A MEAN
TARTE TARTIN.

YOU? WHAT
ABOUT ME? I AM
A *MAÎTRE PÂTISSIER*!
MY *ÉCLAIRS* ARE NEARLY
PERFECT THEMSELVES!
WHY SHOULD I, GUSTAVE
LE GRAND, NOT PARTAKE
OF THIS PERFECT
CUPCAKE?

...WELL, THE THREE
OF US ARE THE BEST
THERE IS. IT'S NOT LIKE
ANYPONY *ELSE* IS
GONNA SHOW UP.



OH, NOW,
WE HAVE PLENTY OF
OTHER CUPCAKES.
DONTCHA KNOW--

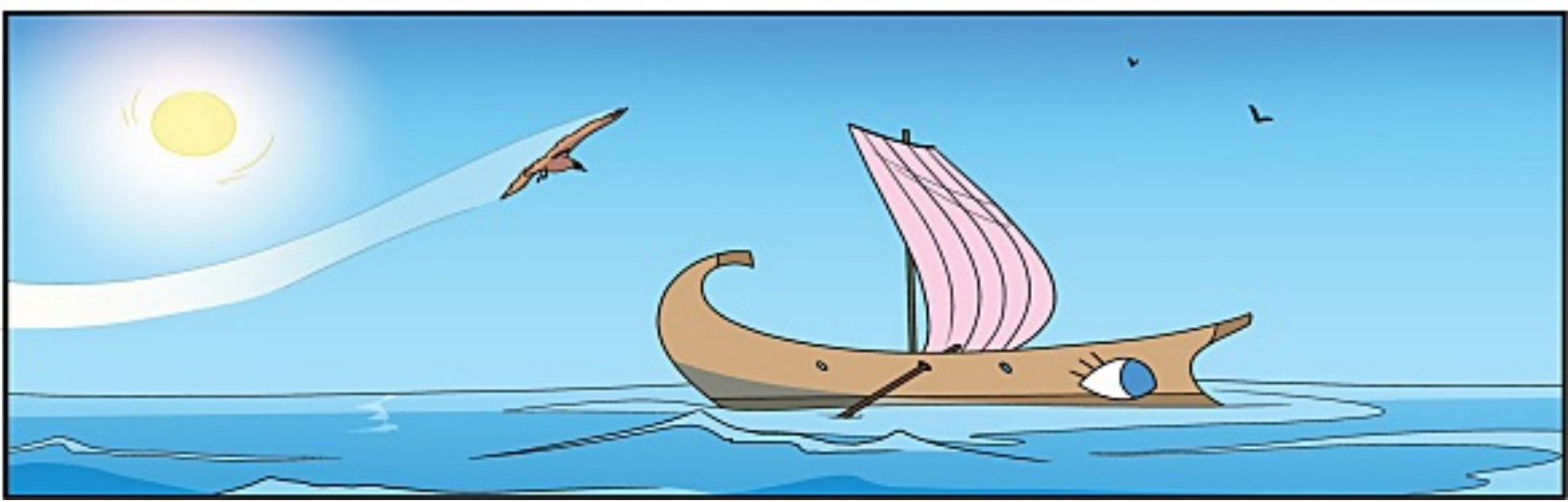
THE GREAT AND
POWERFUL TRIxie DOES NOT
WANT ANY OTHER CUPCAKE.
THE GREAT AND POWERFUL
TRIXIE WANTS *THE WORLD'S
MOST PERFECT-EST
CUPCAKE!!!*

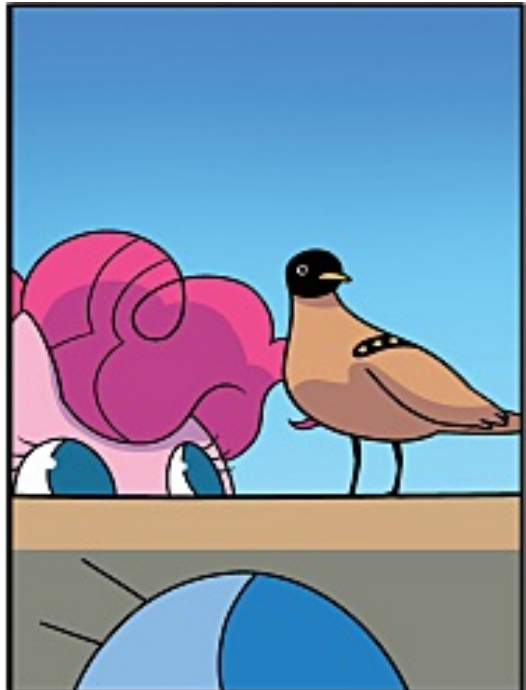
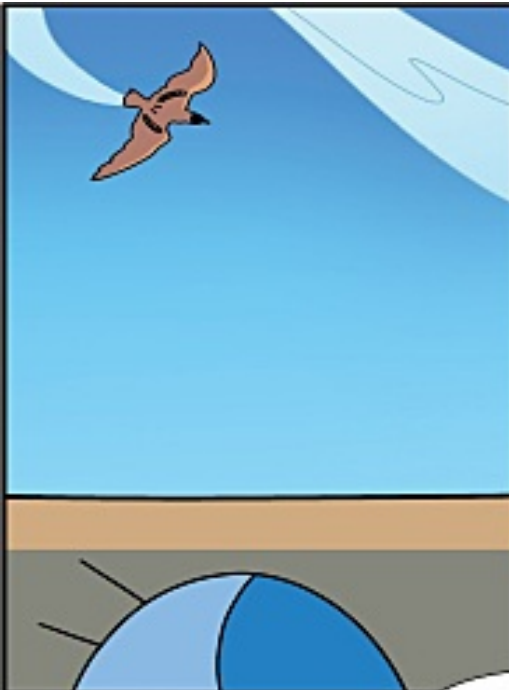
AT THIS POINT
IT'S NOT AS IF PINKIE'S
COMING BACK. IT'D BE
TOTALLY SELFISH OF YOU
TO KEEP THAT CUPCAKE
ALL FOR YOURSELF!

YEAH, MRS.
CAKE! ALL DUE
RESPECT, THERE'S
NO GOOD REASON
TO LET THAT
CUPCAKE GO
TO WASTE.

I WANT
A TASTE!











OOOH, I WONDER
WHERE I AM!

HOPEFULLY NOT *TOO* FAR
AWAY FROM SUGAR CUBE
ISLAND.

IF I DON'T
GET TO THE
WORLD'S MOST
PERFECT-EST
CUPCAKE SOON,
WILL WINNING THE
GTBC* HAVE EVEN
BEEN WORTH
IT?!

WHAT WAS
THAT ABOUT
A PERFECT
CUPCAKE,
SISTER?

*GREAT TROJAN BAKING COMPETITION.

OH, HI! YOU'RE THE OWNER OF THIS SAND, I PRESUME?

NAH, WE DON'T OWN ANYTHING 'CEPT OUR HUMBLE LOVE OF MOTHER NATURE! AND ALSO SOME VARIOUS PARTY SUPPLIES.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO OUR LITTLE ISLAND, SISTER?

WELL! IT'S *KIIIIINNDDAAA* A LONG STORY.

SEE, I WAS AT THE GREAT TROJAN BAKING COMPETITION, TESTING MY METTLE AGAINST BAKERS FROM *ALLLLLLL* OVER AND HOPING TO GET A HOOFSHAKE OF THE FAMOUS *PALOMINO FILLYWOOD!*

...ONLY THE COMPETITION LASTED A *TEENSY* BIT LONGER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD, SO NOW I'M TRYING TO GET BACK HOME TO ENJOY THE WORLD'S MOST PERFECT-EST CUPCAKE I LEFT BEHIND BEFORE SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS TO IT.

LIKE WHAT?

LIKE A MOB OF ANGRY PONIES WHO WANT TO TASTE IT FOR THEMSELVES! OR WORSE... *SPIDERS.*

SAY, YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW HOW TO GET TO SUGAR CUBE ISLAND FROM HERE, WOULD YOU?

'FRAID NOT.

NO PROBLEM! COULD I BORROW A COMPASS? OOOH! OR! MAYBE YOU HAVE A *SPECIALIZED STORE* THAT ONLY SELLS *VERY SPECIFIC MAPS* AND ALSO SOME OF THOSE PARTY SUPPLIES YOU MENTIONED?

MAP? WHERE DO YOU NEED A MAP TO?

ER. DO YOU HAVE A NAME?

HEY, YOU SAID YOU WERE IN A *SUPER RAD* BAKING COMPETITION, RIGHT?

YEAH, THEN YOU'RE DEFINITELY GONNA WANNA GET A TASTE OF OUR ISLAND'S *SPECIALTY*--

UH-HUH! BUT I ALSO ASKED ABOUT YOUR NAME AND THAT MAP STORE. MAYBE WE COULD--





--THE LOTUS
MACARON!

HMMMMMMM...
WHAT DID YOU SAY
THIS WAS MADE
OF AGAIN?

I DON'T REMEMBER...BUT
IT DOESN'T MATTER! IT'S ALL
ABOUT THE VIBES, SISTER, AND
THE VIBES ARE **GOOD**.
PLUS, IT TASTES
GREAT!



KINDA REMINDS
ME OF SOME COOKIES
I MADE DURING
THE COMPETITION--

--THE ONES WHERE
I ACCIDENTALLY MIXED UP
CHILI FLAKES AND GROUND
GINGER IN THE HEAT
OF BATTLE...



...OOPS.

SISTER,
ONE BITE OF
THESE COOKIES AND
I GUARANTEE YOU'LL
FORGET **ALL** YOUR
TROUBLES.



SAY, HAVE YOU
EVER HEARD THE STORY
OF ATALANTA?

FROM
GEORGIA?

UH, NO,
FROM ARCADIA,
OR SOMETIMES
BOEOTIA,
DEPENDING ON
WHO YOU TALK
TO.
SEE--

--ATALANTA WAS
THE FASTEST RACER
IN THE LAND.

ooooooooooooH!!









--AND IF ANYPONY
CAN BEAT MY DAUGHTER
ATALANTA IN A RACE, THEY
WILL HENCEFORTH BE
KNOWN AS HER
FRIEND!

WHY WOULD YOU
WANT TO BE FRIENDS
WITH MY DAUGHTER,
YOU ASK?

ONLY BECAUSE
SHE'S THE COOLEST,
FASTEST, BESTEST
DAUGHTER IN ALL
OF ARCADIA!

AND ALSO SHE
COULD REALLY USE
SOME FRIENDS,
OKAY.

BEST DAUGHTER
OF ALL TIME!

SO FAST
SO FURIOUS!

--BEGIN!

SO, WITHOUT
FURTHER ADO, LET
THE RACES--

GO,
ATALANTA!





--EEP!

HA! WHAT WAS THAT? YOU HERE TO GET A TASTE OF DEFEAT, TOO, HIPPOMENES?

YOU WISH!

I DON'T WISH! I KNOW! LISTEN, I'M NOT BRAGGING WHEN I SAY I'M PRETTY MUCH UNBEATABLE--

UH-HUH.

AND YOU SHOULD GIVE UP NOW.

SURE, I TOTALLY WOULD, BUT...

"...I THINK I'LL TRY MY LUCK."

Y'KNOW, I'VE BEEN KEPPIN' AN EYE ON THAT ATALANTA FOR SOME TIME NOW.

RECKON SHE COULD DO WITH A FEW FRIENDS.

ON YOUR MARK GET SET GO!!!!



I CAN'T BELIEVE
I LOST!

BUT THAT
APPLE WAS SO
SHINY--

WELL, LOOKS LIKE WE GOTTA BE FRIENDS NOW.

I DON'T GET IT! WHY'D YOU EVEN WANT TO BE MY FRIEND SO BAD?

I DUNNO. YOU SEEM PRETTY COOL AND SUPER FAST.

I THOUGHT IT'D BE NICE TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE YOU. PLUS, I'M THINKING OF PUTTING TOGETHER A TEAM...

CHALLENGERS

ALABAMA

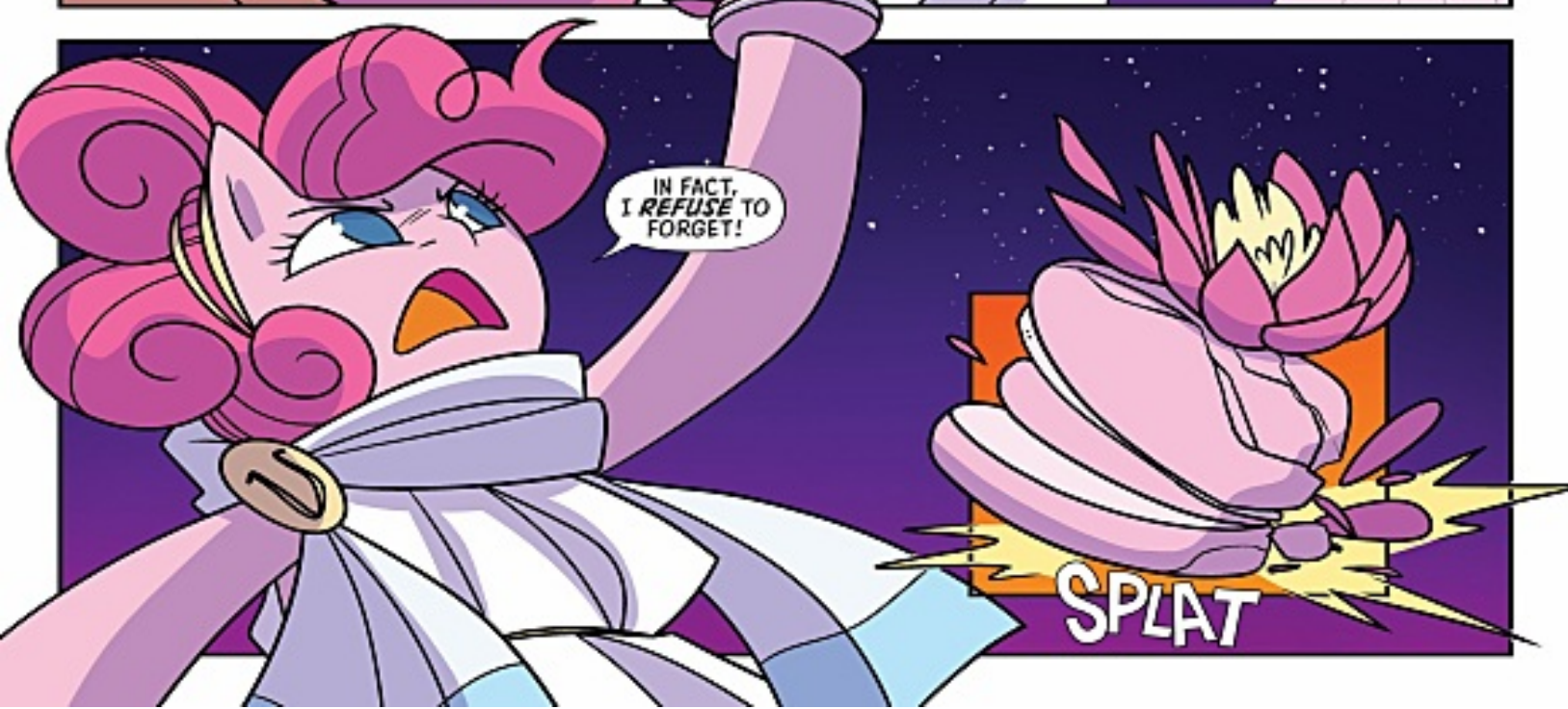
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**HOLD THE PHONE!
STOP THE PRESSES!
SCRATCH THE RECORDS!
FREEZE THE
FRAMES!!!**

CLATTER





WHAT WERE WE
FIGHTING ABOUT
AGAIN?

WHO CARES!
LOOK AT THESE SICK
FIREWORKS, MAN--

SHOULD WE
CALL THE FIRE
BRIGADE?

DUDE, WE
ARE THE FIRE
BRIGADE.

HA, RIGHT!

HEY, DOES
ANYPONY KNOW
WHERE THE
MACARONS
WENT?

POP
POW
SHIMMER

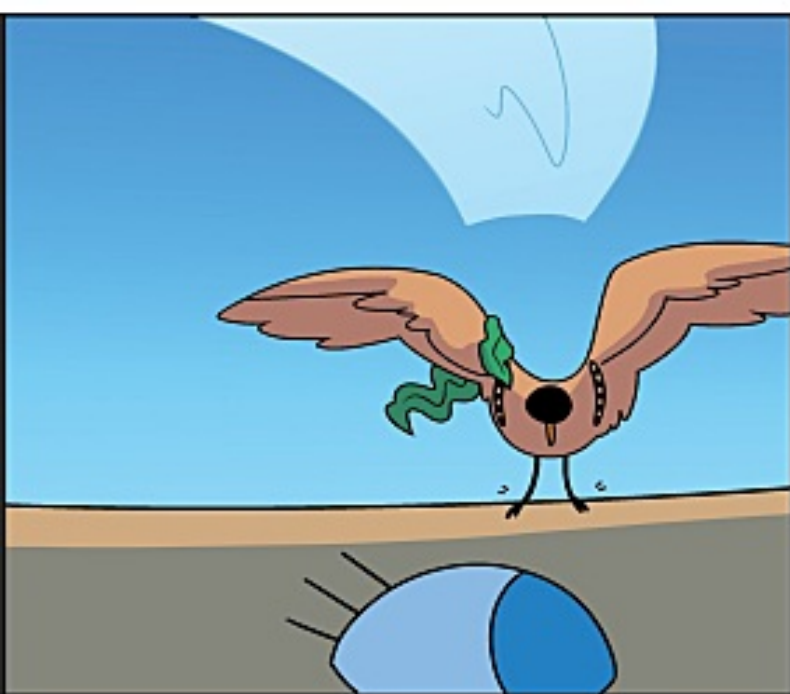
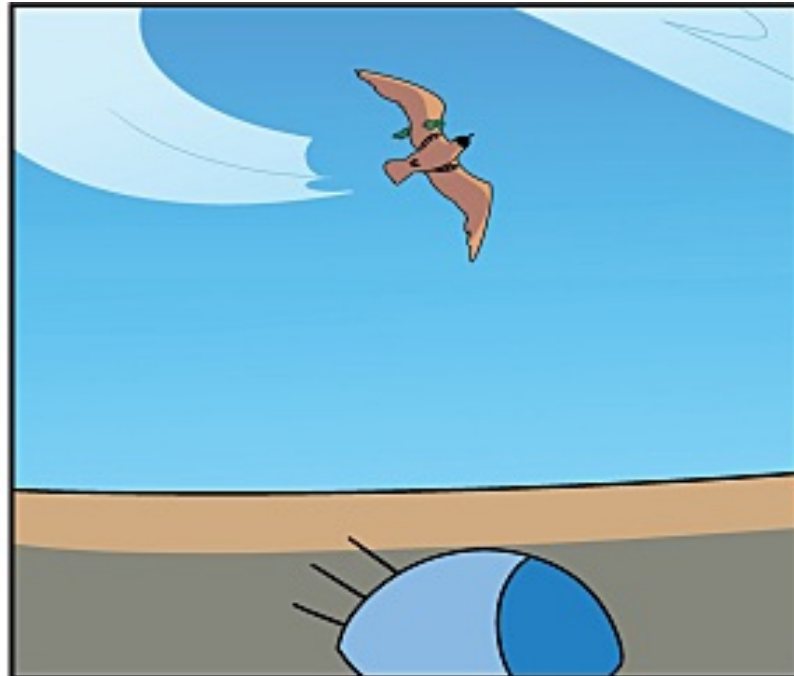
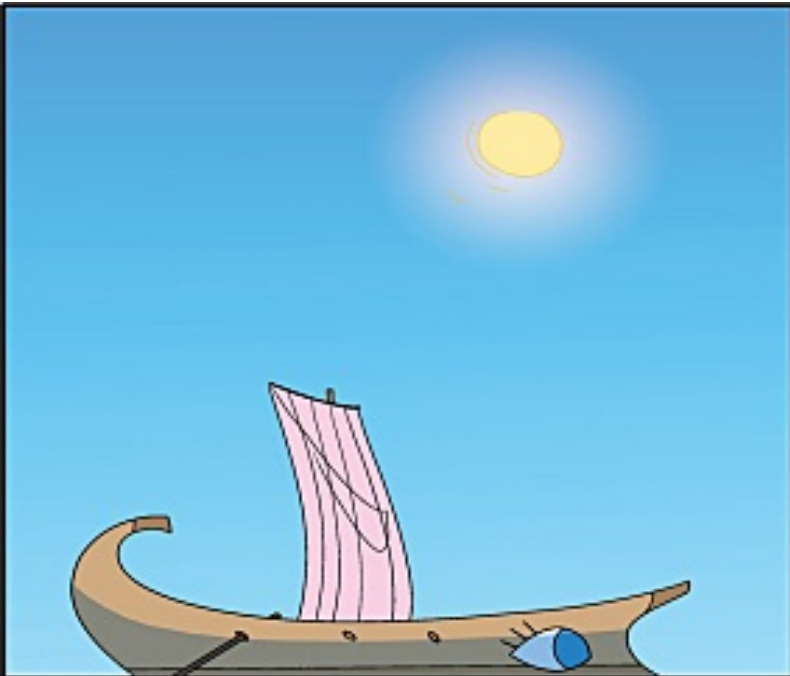




HUH? THE TEN-DAY
FORECAST DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING ABOUT--

...A
STORM!!!

woooooo-hooooo
oooooooooooo







THIS IS MY VERY
HUMBLE HOME--THE PLACE
I MAKE MY *BREWS*
AND *TOMES*.

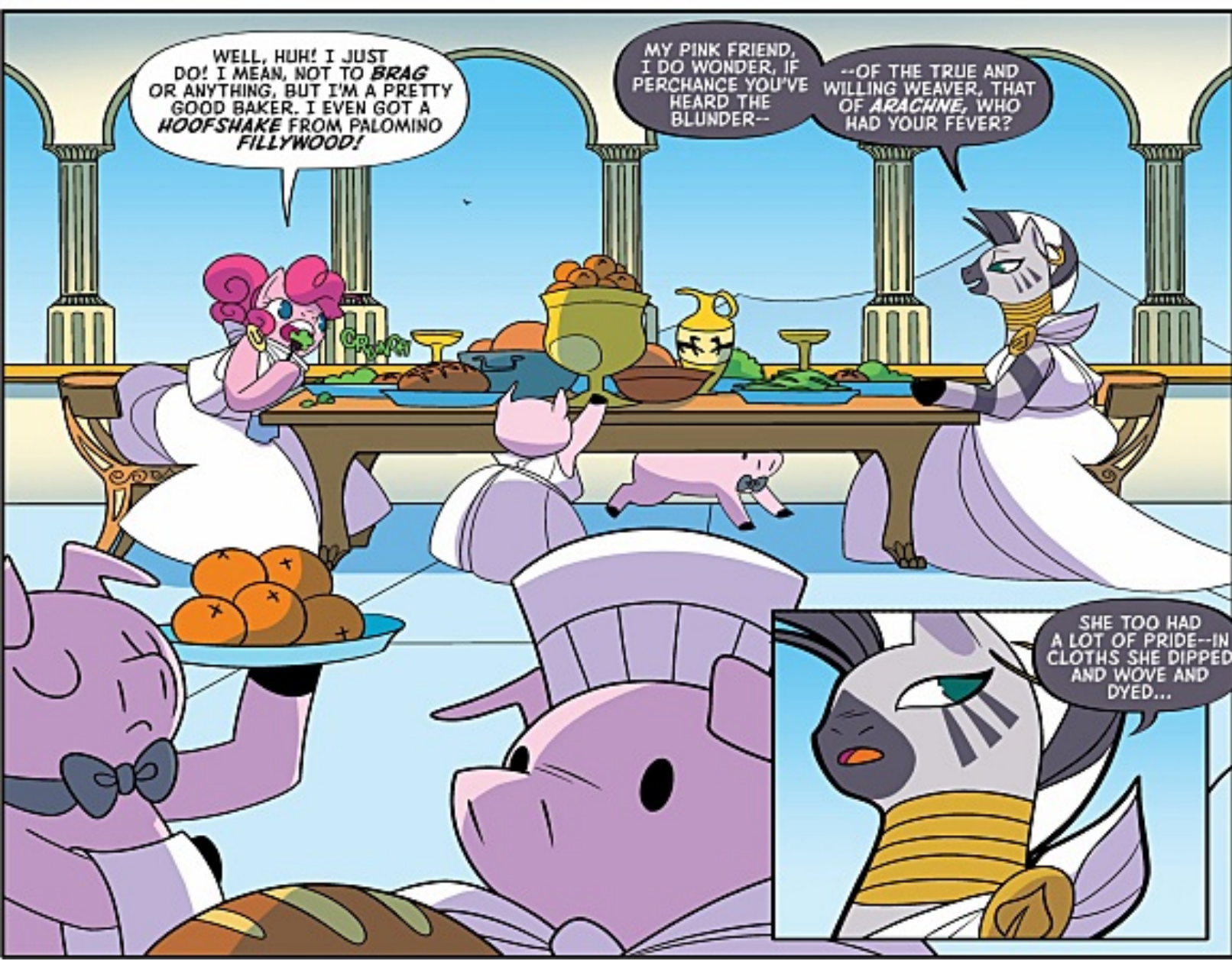
I SPECIALIZE IN
THESE SUCH THINGS.
THEY SAY THAT I COULD
ENCHANT KINGS!

I ALSO DO ENJOY
MY LOOM. MY WEAVING
HERE DOETH TRULY
BLOOM--

--AMONG MY PIGS,
MY ONLY FRIENDS.
I'M LONELY HERE,
AMONGST THEIR
PENS...

...NOW TELL
ME WHAT OF YOU IS
KNOWN! AND HOW YOU
CAME HERE, ALL
ALONE.

WELL, IT'S
KIIIIINDA A LONG
STORY...



...SHE
WAS BUT
A SHEPHERD'S
DAUGHTER, WHO
LIKED TO WEAVE
BY SUN AND
WATER.

HER SKILL WAS
STRONG, HER TOUCH WAS
GRAND--THE GREATEST
WEAVER IN THE LAND.

CHILD!
~HACK HACK~ ARE
YOU THE ONE KNOWN
AS ARACHNE?

WELL, DARLING,
I SUPPOSE THAT
WOULD DEPEND
ON WHO WAS
ASKING!

CERTAINLY, I'M
ARACHNE TO SOME!
BUT TO MOST I'M THE
BEST WEAVER IN
ALL THE LAND!

I DARE SAY
I'M EVEN BETTER
THAN ATHENA.

IMPOSSIBLE!
ATHENA IS THE GODDESS
OF WISDOM AND CRAFTS.
THERE IS NONE BETTER!
HACK HACK--

WELL,
MY...LONG-LIVED
FRIEND, YOU SAY
TOMATO, I SAY I CAN
OUT-WEAVE ATHENA ANY
DAY OF THE WEEK. IT'S
JUST A MATTER OF
PERSPECTIVE!

ER. WOULD
YOU LIKE A
COUGH DROP,
OR...?

~COUGH
COUGH~ IS
THAT SO?

NO, NO, THIS IS JUST
WHAT OLD PONIES SOUND
LIKE, RIGHT? I MEAN, I DID
ALL THE RESEARCH! I READ
SEVERAL DUSTY TOMES,
I EVEN VOLUNTEERED AT
THE BINGO HALL--

I ONCE STOPPED
A COUNTERFEIT BINGO-
CARD OPERATION WITH
NOTHING BUT MY HOOVES.
SEVERAL BUCKETS OF
GLITTER, TWO
CANTALOUPEs, AND
A DREAM.

--ANYHOO,
I SAID, IS THAT
SO?



THEN LET US
HAVE A BATTLE
TO SEE WHO IS
REALLY BEST!

BEHOLD!
IT IS I, THE
GODDESS
ATHENA!

YES, DARLING,
I GATHERED.

AND I'M
ABOUT TO
WEAVE YOU
UNDER THE
TABLE!

I AM SIMPLY
BESIDE MYSELF
WITH FRIGHT.

NOT.



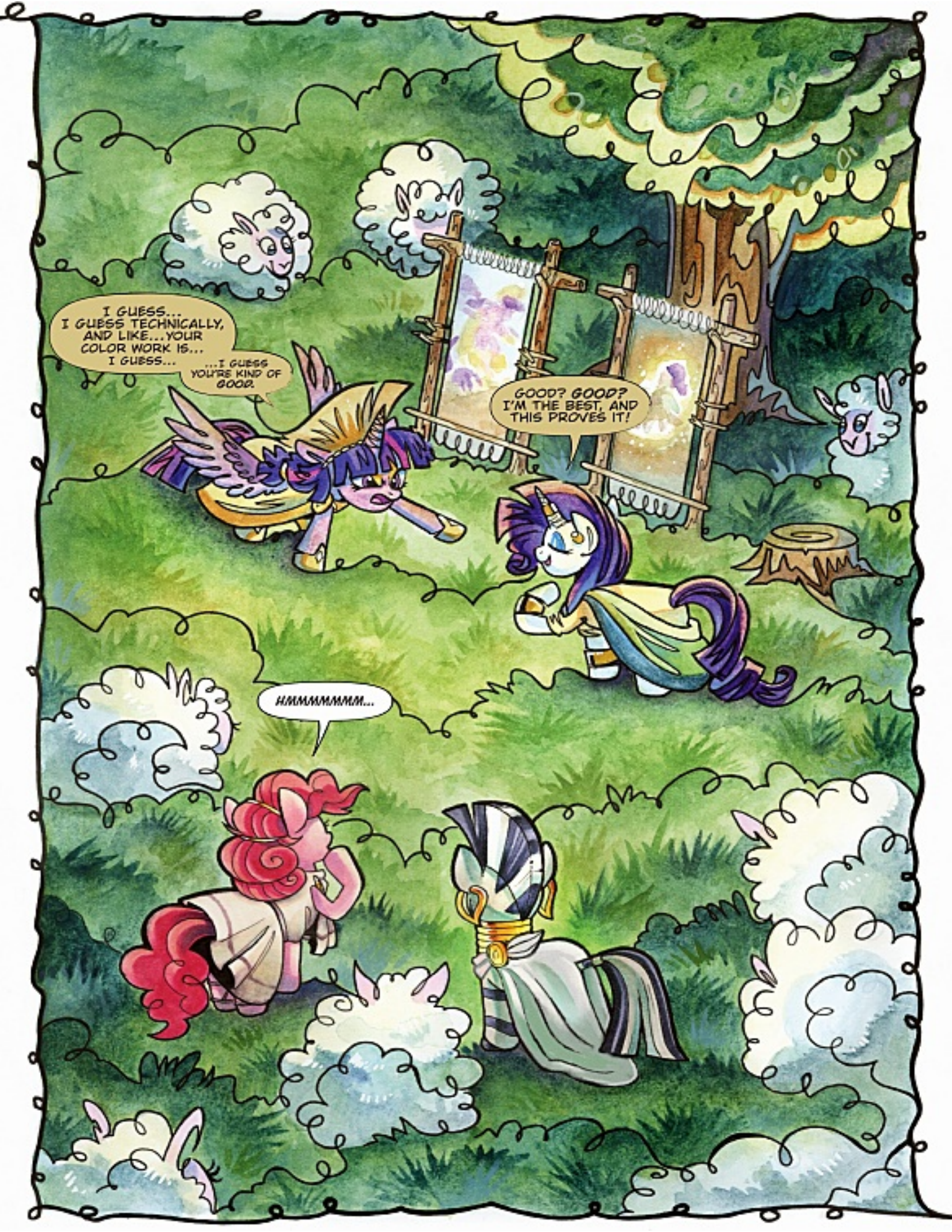
AAAAHHH! THIS IS
ALMOST AS *EXCITING*
AS *BREAD WEEK!!!*

TO SOME,
PERHAPS, THIS TAKES
THE CAKE, BUT TO
THEM THERE IS MUCH
AT STAKE.

ARACHNE







I GUESS...
I GUESS TECHNICALLY,
AND LIKE...YOUR
COLOR WORK IS...
I GUESS...

...I GUESS
YOU'RE KIND OF
GOOD.

GOOD? GOOD?
I'M THE BEST, AND
THIS PROVES IT!

HHHHHHHHH...

LOOK, YOU'RE
A BETTER WEAVER,
ARACHNE. I'LL
ADMIT IT!

~AHEM~ OKAY,
I KNOW THAT'S PROBABLY
NOT IN CHARACTER, BUT
I'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF
READING TO GET READY FOR
MY ROLE IN THIS ISSUE OF
CLASSICS REMAGINED, AND
I JUST THINK THIS WAY
ADDS SOME DEPTH.

TRY THIS
NEW FORM
ON FOR
SIZE!

EIGHT LEGS?
A SPINNERET?!
WHAT DO YOU
EXPECT ME TO
DO WITH
THIS!!!

WEAVE, OF
COURSE!

AFTER ALL, EVEN
THE SMALLEST CREATURES
CAN CREATE BEAUTIFUL
MASTERPIECES.

I SUGGEST YOU FIGURE
OUT WHY YOU'RE MAKING
THINGS. IS IT FOR YOU? OR
IS IT SO THAT YOU WILL BE
CROWNED BETTER THAN
EVERYPONY ELSE?

CONSIDER HUMILITY.
CONSIDER THE SPIDER.
THEN WE'LL TALK
ABOUT TURNING
YOU BACK.

SPIDER

OOOOHHHHHHHHHHH,
IT'S A METAPHOR!

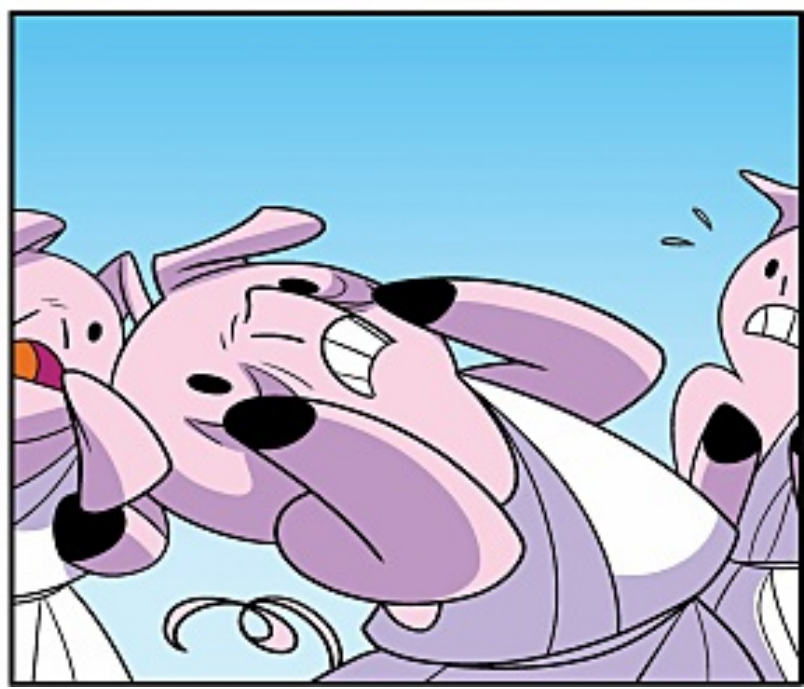
I'M AFRAID
THIS ISN'T QUITE SO
ROTE. INSTEAD, IT IS
AN ANECDOTE.

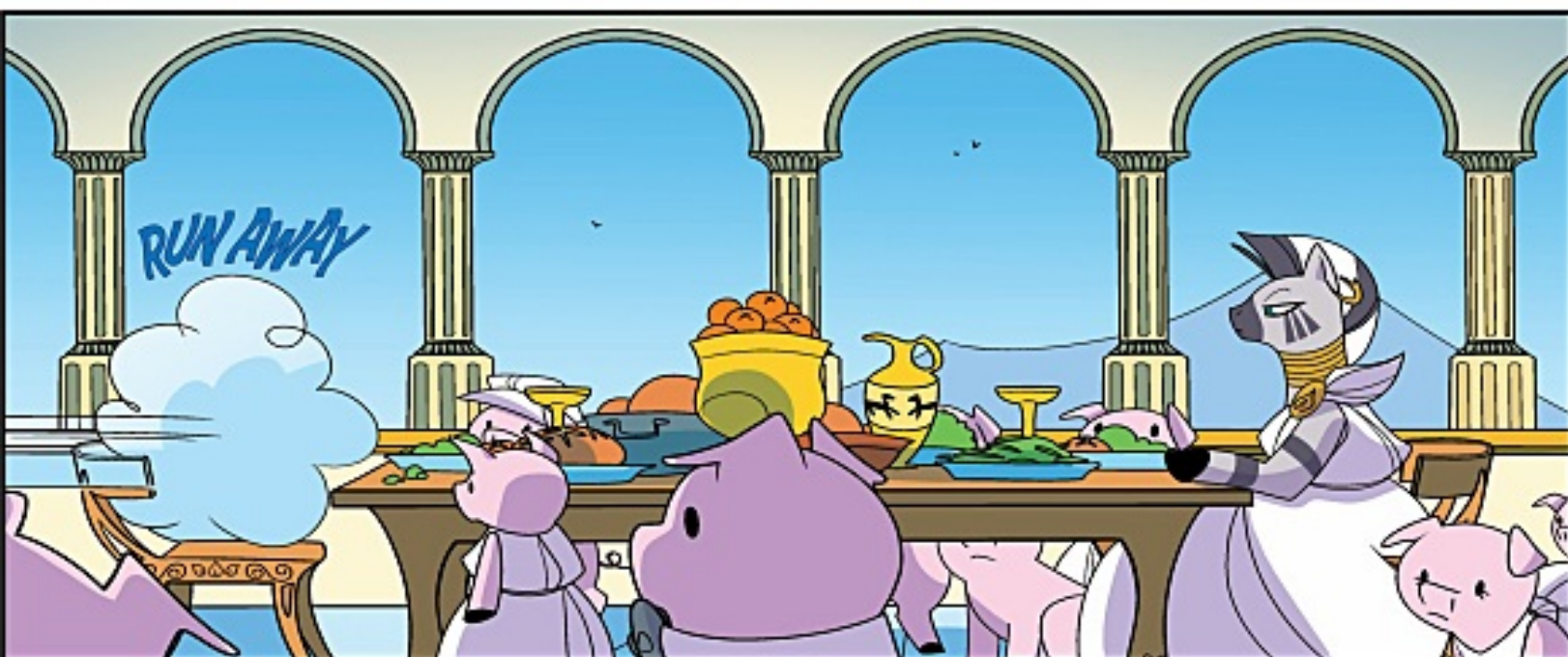
RIGHT,
RIGHT, LIKE AN
ANTIDOTE!

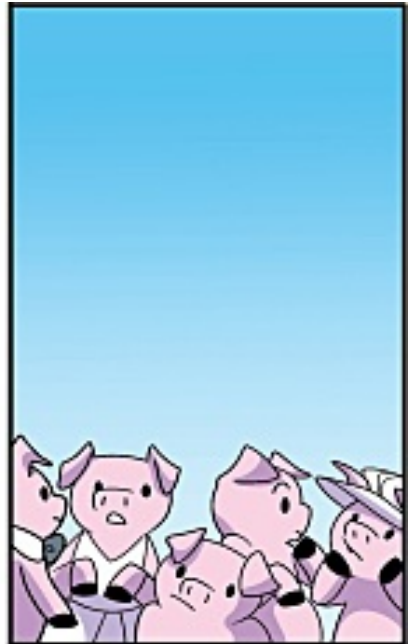
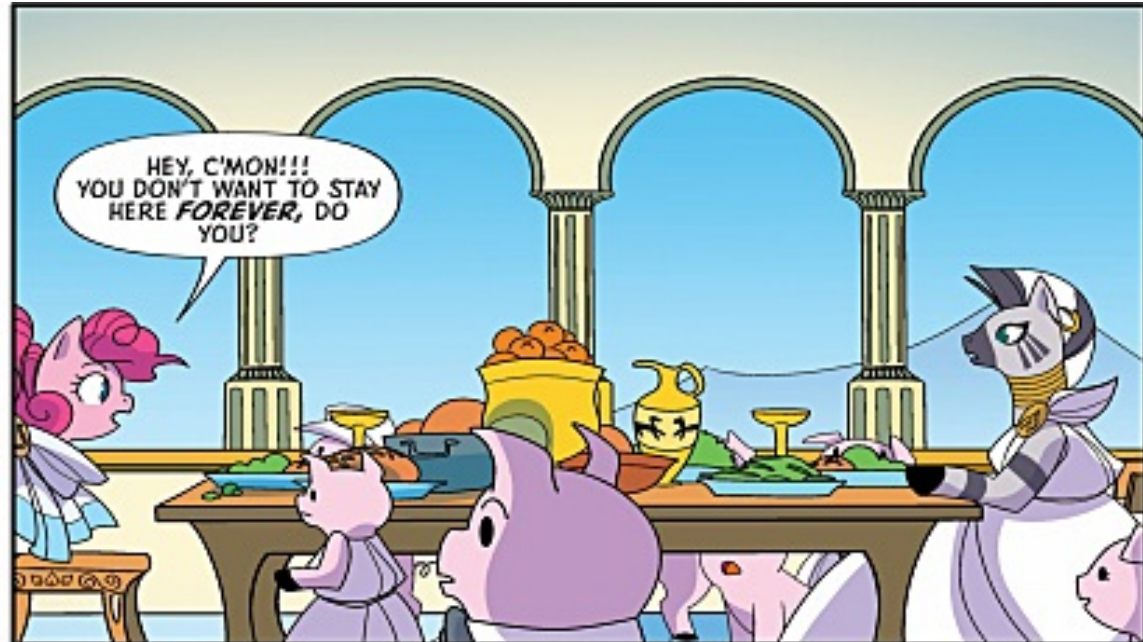
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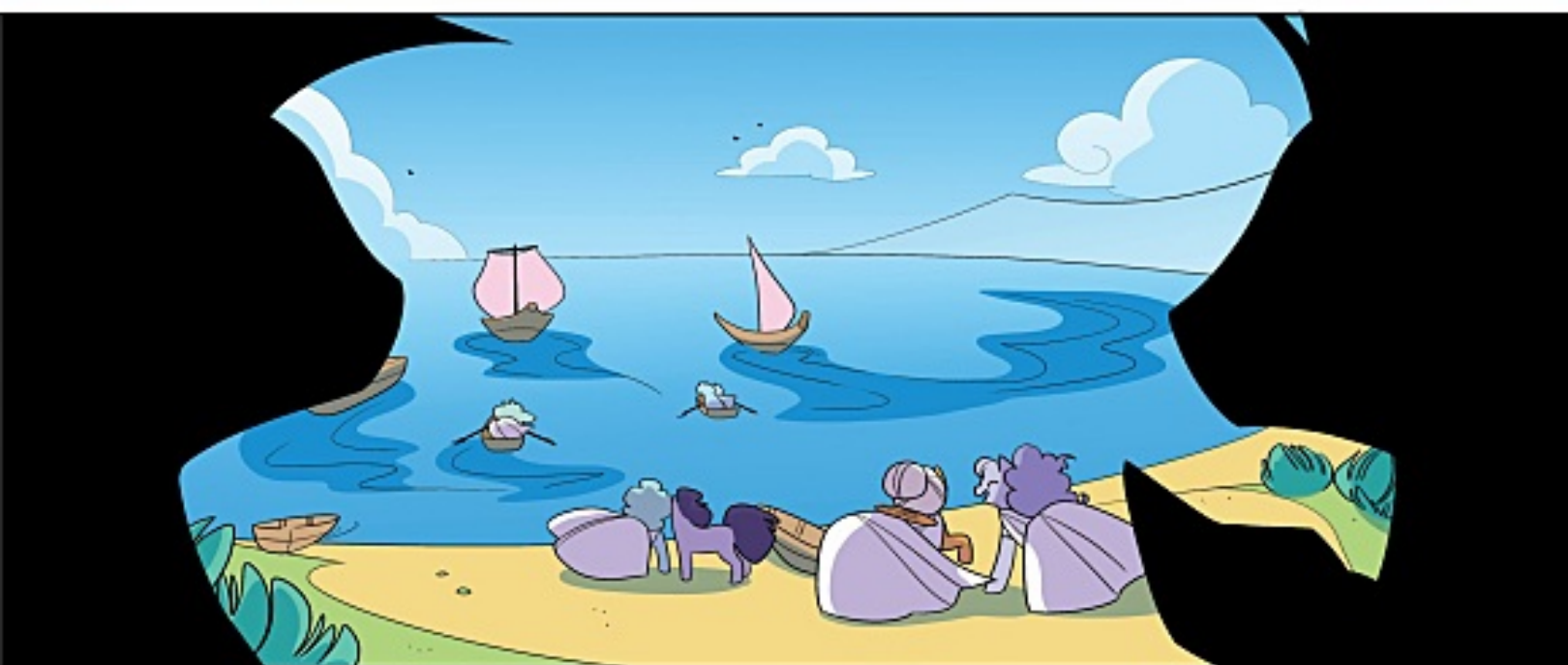












**SEVERAL
HOURS
LATER...**



DO YOU HAVE
EVERYTHING? SNACKS?
WATER? NUMBER-TWO
PENCILS? SNAKES IN A CAN?
SLIDE WHISTLE?



NOW, I WANT
YOU TO REMEMBER
TO PLAY NICE WITH
ALL THE OTHER
MONSTERS, ALL
RIGHT?



AND DON'T FORGET
ALL YOUR LESSONS ON
PARTY CANNON
SAFETY!!!

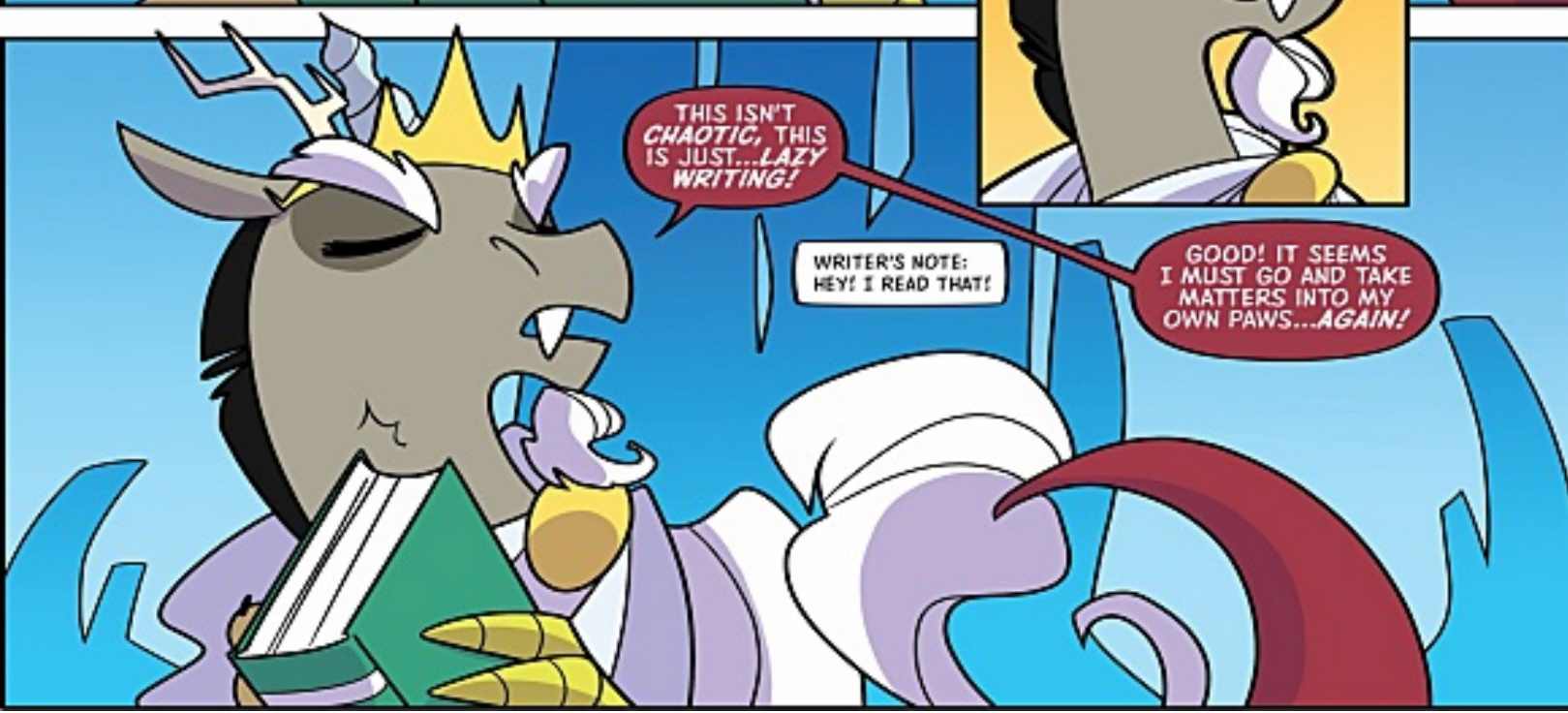
»SNIFFE IT
SEEMS LIKE JUST
*ONE PAGE AGO**
WE WERE MEETING
FOR THE FIRST
TIME!



*EDITOR'S NOTE: IT WAS, INDEED, ONE PAGE AGO.

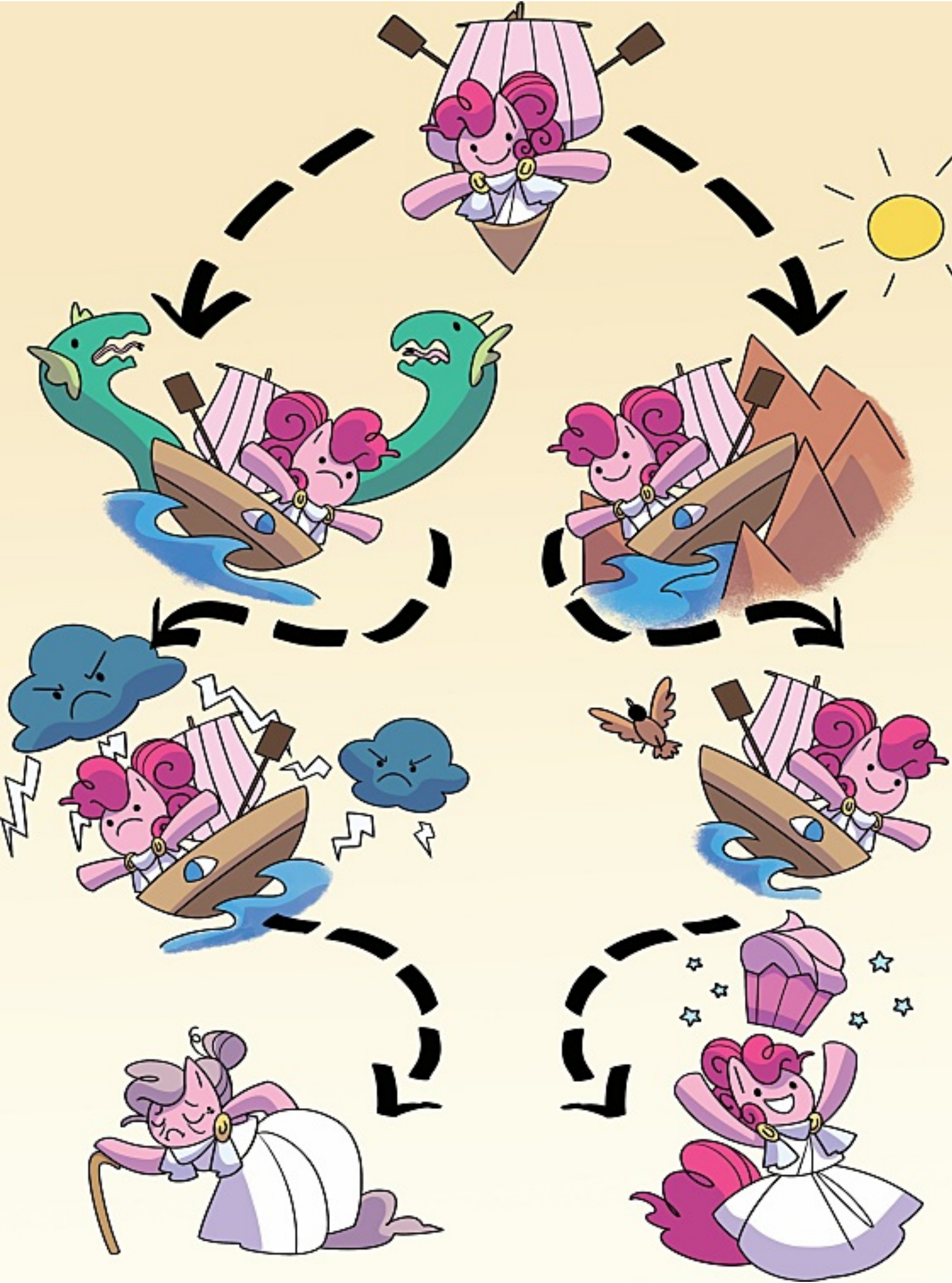
DO YOU
REMEMBER ALL THE
GREAT TIMES WE HAD
ON OUR JOURNEY TO
GET YOU BACK TO
TARTARUS???













WELL, THAT SETTLES IT! I'LL GO--

OH! AM I TOO LATE?

I DON'T THINK A GODDESS *CAN* BE LATE!

YOU *ARE* ARE GODDESS, AREN'T YOU?

I KNOW IT'S NOT POLITE TO ASSUME, BUT I'M GETTING *KIIINNNDAAA* GOOD AT GUESSING THESE THINGS--

AH, UM, YES! I'M *PERSEPHONE*, GODDESS OF SPRING. I'M VERY GLAD TO HAVE CAUGHT YOU, PINKIE PIE.

I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE BUGBEAR BACK. TARTARUS WASN'T THE SAME WITHOUT HIM.



I ALSO KNOW HADES GAVE YOU A MAP, AND I WANTED TO SEE IF I COULD BE OF SOME HELP CHOOSING YOUR PATH.

THAT'S SUPER NICE OF YOU, BUT I'VE ALREADY DECIDED WHICH WAY I'M GOING TO GO--



--THAT-- A WAY! NO STOPS! NO PASSING GO!

I'LL MAKE IT BACK TO SUGAR CUBE ISLAND IN RECORD TIME--ER, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED--TO GRAB *THE WORLD'S MOST PERFECT-EST CUPCAKE--*



AH, UM, YES, THAT'S CERTAINLY, UM, ONE WAY!

BUT I WONDER IF YOU WOULD LISTEN TO A STORY BEFORE SETTING OUT?



IT'S ABOUT *HELIOS* AND *PHAETHON*...



PLEASE,
HELIOS, I JUST
WANT TO
HELP!

EVERY DAY YOU
BRING LIGHT AND
JOY TO THE WORLD--
AND YOU MAKE IT
LOOK EASY.

I JUST WANT
THE CHANCE TO
DO THE SAME!

PHAETHON, I WOULD,
REALLY, IT'S JUST NOT AS
EASY AS IT LOOKS--

BUT HOW HARD
CAN IT BE! YOU TAKE
THE SUN FROM ONE END OF
THE SKY TO THE OTHER...
WHAT MORE IS THERE
THAN THAT?

MUCH MORE.
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS,
SISTER. NO MATTER
WHAT IT MIGHT
LOOK LIKE.

I HAVE TO
GO. I'LL SEE YOU
TONIGHT.

YOU NEVER
LET ME DO
ANYTHING!

IT'S JUST THE
SUN! HOW MUCH
COULD IT WEIGH!
TWO POUNDS?!

AH!
ANOTHER
BEAUTIFUL
DAY!

OF COURSE IT IS!
THANKS TO HELIOS, THE
SUN IS SHINING. SHE'S THE
ONE WHO HELPS KEEP
THE WORLD TURNING!

UGH!

zzz



HAPPY BIRTHDAY PHAETHON

OH NO, DOES
MY MANE REALLY
LOOK LIKE
THAT?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
PHAETHON!
FOR YOUR
GIFT, I'LL GRANT
YOU ONE WISH.

ONE
WISH, HUH?
WELL...



WHEN I SAID ONE WISH, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FOR SOMETHING REASONABLE, LIKE A PUPPY OR A 401K--

YEAH, BUT YOU SAID--

I KNOW I DID! BUT THIS *ISN'T* A GOOD IDEA. IT'S TOO--

LOOK, HELIOS. I WANT EVERYBODY TO LIKE ME AS MUCH AS THEY LIKE YOU.

BESIDES, I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU DO THIS FOR YEARS! I THINK IT'LL BE EASY ENOUGH.



...ALL RIGHT.

WELL, DON'T LET OUT THE CLUTCH TOO QUICKLY OR YOU'LL STALL. WHEN YOU SLOW, EASE INTO IT OR YOU'LL GET BUMPED.

YOU WANT TO MAINTAIN A CONSISTENT HEIGHT AT ALL TIMES--NOT TOO CLOSE TO THE GROUND BUT NOT TOO FAR AWAY, EITHER.

DID YOU PUT ON THAT SPF 3,000 I GAVE YOU? IT GETS REALLY HOT UP THERE, AND YOU'RE ALREADY PRONE TO--



HELIOS! RELAX! I'LL BE FINE.

SURE. I DEFINITELY DO NOT HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.



ALL RIGHT, I'M READY!





PHAETHON!
ARE YOU
OKAY?!

YEAH, IT'S JUST
MY EGO THAT'S
BRUISED...



I SHOULD'VE LISTENED
TO YOU, HELIOS... IT WAS
DEFINITELY NOT AS EASY
AS IT LOOKED. IT WAS SO
HOT! AND SO HARD
TO CONTROL!

WITH LOTS OF
PRACTICE--

HOW DO
YOU DO THAT
EVERY DAY?

--AND
LOTS OF
SUPPORT.



LISTEN, PHAETHON,
EVERY PONY HAS **STRENGTHS
AND WEAKNESSES**. SO
PULLING THE SUN ISN'T YOUR
STRENGTH--THAT'S OKAY!
WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT IS.

... THANKS,
SIS.

I JUST
WANT PONIES TO
BE EXCITED WHEN
THEY SEE ME, TOO.
YOU KNOW? I WANT
TO DO SOMETHING
IMPORTANT.

LIKE YOU.

UGH, ALL THAT
HEAT MADE ME REALLY
MISS THE NIGHT.

HMM...

I HAVE
AN IDEA.



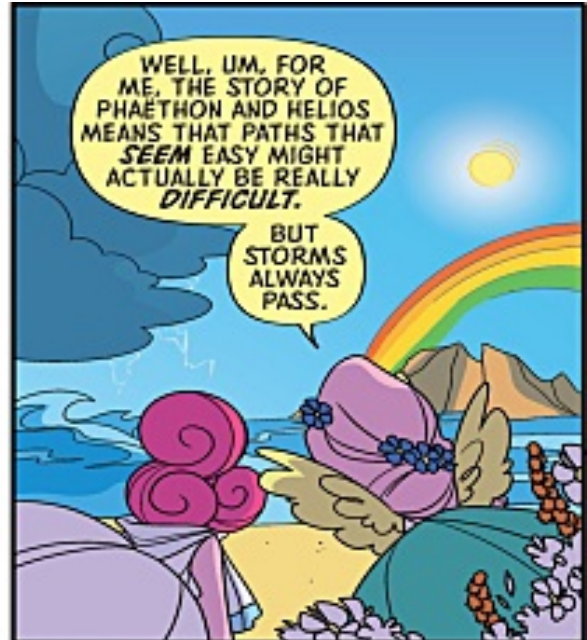
“THE MOON HAS BEEN WAITING FOR
SOMEONE TO PULL IT FOR YEARS.
HOW ABOUT YOU GIVE THAT A TRY?”



OH, PINKIE.

WOW...
...IT REALLY
IS MADE OF
CHEESE.











I HAVE
MADE A HUGE
MISTAKE.

ARGH!!!
IT'S NO
USE!

IF IT'S NOT
THE MONSTER,
IT'S THE
WHIRLPOOL!

THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THIS IS
IF WE COULD--COULD--**HARNESS THE
POWER OF THE SUN** TO PROPEL US ALL
THE WAY OUT OF THE STRAIT, JUST
LIKE HELIOS' CHARIOT!

CAW. CAW KA
CAW. CAW
KRAW.

HOMER, SILLY!
THAT'S A **TOTALLY**
ACCEPTABLE MORAL
OF THAT STORY!

IF ONLY WE
HADN'T LEFT ALL
OUR JET ENGINES
AT HOME!

HEY,
WAIT A
MINUTE.



--WE'VE REACHED
SUGAR CUBE
ISLAND?!











IT WAS
FORETOLD
THAT--

WAIT,
THAT'S HOW
YOU'RE STARTING
IT?

I SEE NO NEED
FOR EXTRANEUS
FLOURISHES.

AW, C'MON, MAUD,
JUST ONE? FOR ME?
PLEASEEEEEEE???

...
=SIGHE FINE. *ONCE UPON
A TIME*, IT WAS FORETOLD THAT
THE BEAUTIFUL PSYCHE WOULD
MARRY A **TERRIFYING
CREATURE**.

BUT THE
CREATURE WAS NOT
ALL THAT TERRIFYING.
IN FACT, HE TREATED
PSYCHE WITH KINDNESS
AND RESPECT, AND SHE
GREW TO LOVE HIM. HE
HAD ONLY ONE RULE,
WHICH WAS...

E-YUP.

PSST! BIG MAC!
WE'RE GONNA NEED
A BIT MORE!

ER.

WELL,
YOU CAN HAVE
EVERYTHIN'
HERE.

AND ALSO MY
LOVE. BUT, UH, YOU
CAN **NEVER** LOOK
AT ME. THAT'S MY
ONLY RULE. YUP.

MY HUSBAND IS
BETTER THAN ANY
I COULD HAVE
EVER DREAMED!

HE'S KIND AND
THOUGHTFUL AND
COMPASSIONATE.

BUT...WHAT IF HE *IS*
A TERRIFYING ELDRITCH
SHADOW CREATURE LIKE
I WAS PROPHESED
TO MARRY?!

I KNOW HE SAID
NOT TO LOOK,
BUT...

...OH!

...HE'S NOT
TERRIFYING AT
ALL!

TERRIFYINGLY
HANDSOME,
MAYBE--

DRIP

OH, PSYCHE,
YOU BROKE MY
ONE RULE.

E-YUP.

PSST, BIG
MAC! I DON'T THINK
THEY SAID "E-YUP" IN
ANCIENT GREECE!

ER.
E...NOPE???
I MEAN--

GOODBYEEEEEE...

WAIT!
I'M SORRY!
I WAS JUST
SCARED!

I SHOULD HAVE
TRUSTED HIM. IF HE
DIDN'T WANT ANYPONY
TO SEE HIM, I SHOULD
HAVE RESPECTED
THAT!

HE'S BEEN NOTHING
BUT KIND TO ME SINCE
WE WERE MARRIED, AND
THIS IS HOW I REPAY
HIM?

THAT'S IT!
I GOTTA FIX THIS!
AND I KNOW JUST
THE GODDESS TO
TALK TO...

SO, YA
WANT MY HELP,
HUH, SUGAR
PLUM?



ACTUALLY,
IT'S SUGAR
BELLE.

FOR THE
PURPOSES OF
THIS STORY, IT
IS NOT.

OH, SHOOT,
RIGHT, I MEAN
PSYCHE!

AND YES, PLEASE,
APHRODITE. YOU'RE
THE GODDESS OF
LOVE! SURELY YOU
CAN HELP ME!

'FRAID THAT
DEPENDS... DO YA
LOVE EROS?

OF COURSE I DO!
HE'S BEEN SO KIND TO
ME. HE EVEN BUILT ME A
NEW DISPLAY CASE FOR
ALL MY DESSERTS...

HMPH. THEN
THE WAY I SEE IT, IT'S
GONNA TAKE A MITE BIT
OF WORK TA GET EROS
TA TRUST YA AGAIN.
ARE YA PREPARED
TO DO IT?

YES! OF
COURSE!

I'LL DO
ANYTHING.



ALL RIGHT.
THEN DO THESE
TASKS FOR ME, AND
I'LL TELL EROS YA
REALLY MEAN
BUSINESS.

ALL RIGHT.
LET'S DO
THIS.

"FIRST, I NEED SOME HELP SORTIN'
THROUGH THINGS IN TIME FOR THE
NEXT ROUND OF PLANTIN'."

"THEN I NEED YA TA SHEAR THE SHEEP
TA GET THEM READY FOR SUMMER."

"AFTER, COLLECT SOME WATER FOR ME
FROM THE RIVER STYX, WOULD YA? IT
HELPS KILL ANY PARASITES ON MY TREES."

WHAT'S THE WORLD
COMING TO! PONIES USED
TO ASK BEFORE RIDING
A GIANT EAGLE INTO
THE UNDERWORLD,
YOU KNOW!

"AND FINALLY, I NEED YA TA PAY
PERSEPHONE A VISIT FOR ME. I'D LIKE
TA GET HER SKIN CARE ROUTINE TA HELP
MY ANIMALS BE PURDY AS A PICTURE
BEFORE THE NEXT OLYMPUS FAIR."

UGH...I'M
SO TIRED. MY
MANE IS SNARLED.
MY HOOVES
HURT.

I DON'T THINK
I CAN TAKE ANOTHER
STEP. AT THIS POINT,
IT'D BE EASIER TO
JUST GIVE UP!

...BUT I CAN'T
DO THAT. I HAVE
TO KEEP GOING.
FOR EROS!

JUST PUT ONE
HOOF IN FRONT
OF THE OTHER.

C'MON, PSYCHE,
YOU CAN DO IT!!!
BELIEVE!!!

...UM, ADD
SOME BLUSH
FOR THAT ADDED
PIZZAZZ, AND
THEN...

PSYCHE, I GOTTA HAND IT
TA YA--YOU GOT GUMPTION.
I RECKON I AIN'T SEEN
ANYPONY WITH MORE!

AND I CAN
SEE YA REALLY
DO LOVE
EROS.

I DO. DO YOU
THINK YOU COULD
TELL HIM THAT?

HM, I RECKON
YA CAN TELL HIM
YERSELF.

PSYCHE!



THE END.

MAUD!
THE *FLOURISH*,
REMEMBER???

...AND THEY
LIVED HAPPILY
EVER AFTER.

I'D SAY
THEY REALLY...*LAVA*
EACH OTHER.

~SIGH~



AH, PINKIE PIE, I'M SORRY!
BUT I CAN'T HOLD THESE FOLKS
OFF ANY LONGER--

--ALL RIGHTY THEN! TODAY,
BAKERS, YOU'RE TASKED WITH
MAKING A BEAUTIFUL, *FULLY EDIBLE*
DISPLAY TO SHOWCASE OUR
PRIZE, *THE WORLD'S MOST*
PERFECT-EST CUPCAKE.

SO, WITHOUT
ANY FURTHER ADO, LET
THE COMPETITION...
BEGIN!

THE GREAT AND
POWERFUL TRIxie
MAKES *FULLY EDIBLE*
BAKING DISPLAYS
IN HER *SLEEP!*

I AM NOT,
HOW DO YOU SAY,
NERVOUS. THIS WILL
BE, HOW DO YOU
SAY... *A PIECE OF*
CAKE.

HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED, HOW
DO YOU SAY, *BEING*
QUIET?

HUH! THIS IS JUST
LIKE HOW PHAETHON
APPROACHED PULLING
THE SUN, ISN'T IT?

EVERYPONY!!! SOMETIMES
THINGS THAT LOOK EASY CAN
ACTUALLY BE *SUPER HARD*. SO MAKE
SURE YOU HAVE YOUR MEASURING
CUPS READY AND--

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
I CAN'T HEAR YOU OVER THIS
FABULOUS *FULLY EDIBLE BAKING*
DISPLAY I'M MAKING *WITHOUT*
LOOKING AT ANY
INSTRUCTIONS.

ER.

I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE EVER SEEN YOU AROUND HERE BEFORE, CHEF...

FIERY'S MY NAME AND FLAVOR'S MY GAME!

...ER, WOW, ISN'T THAT NEATO? WELL, CHEF, WHAT ARE YOU MAKING FOR US TODAY?

LISTEN, AN EDIBLE STAND FOR THE WORLD'S MOST PERFECT-EST CUPCAKE? IT NEEDS--

--A LITTLE PIZZAZZ, AND I KEEP HOPING SOME PONY WILL COME ALONG AND INSPIRE ME TO--

--CREATE SOMETHING THE LIKES OF WHICH NO PONY HAS EVER SEEN AND--

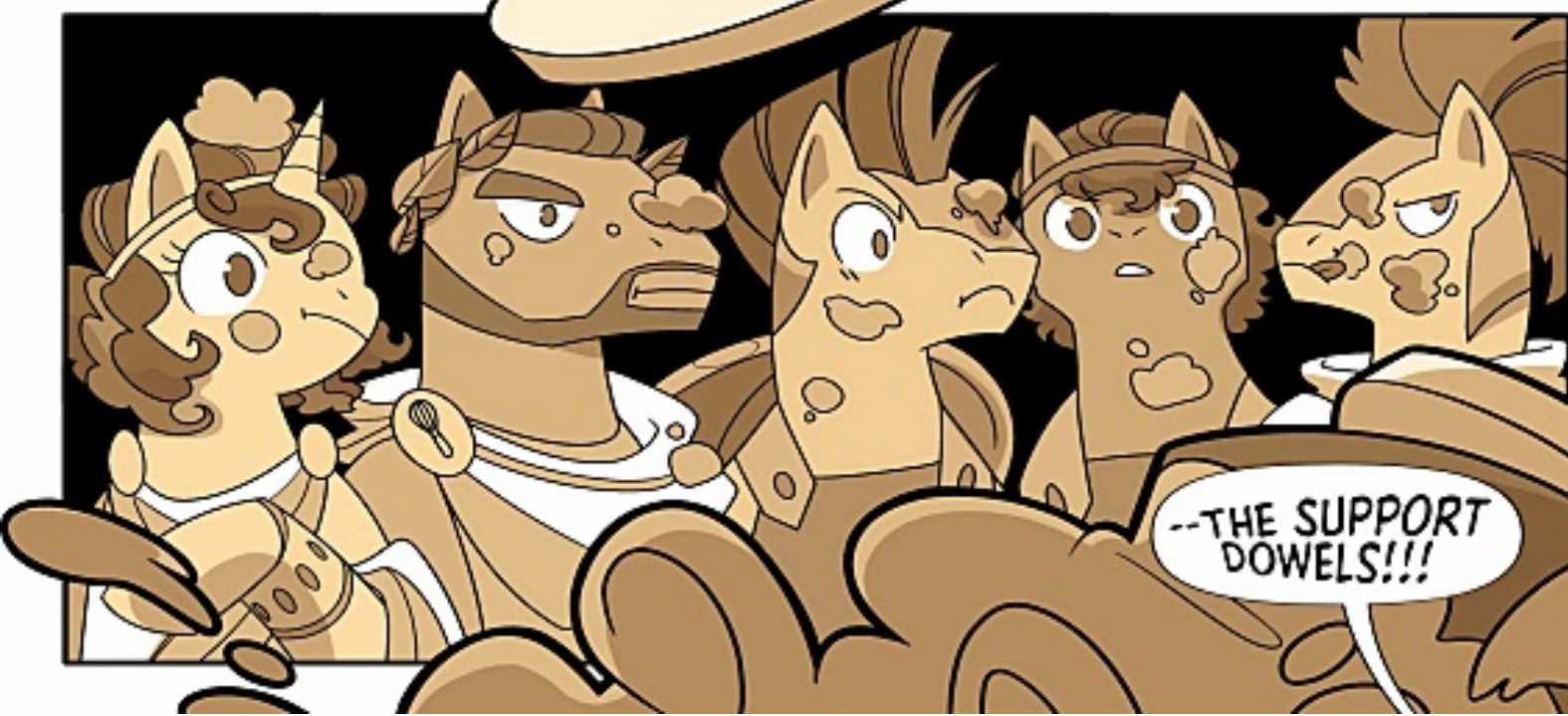
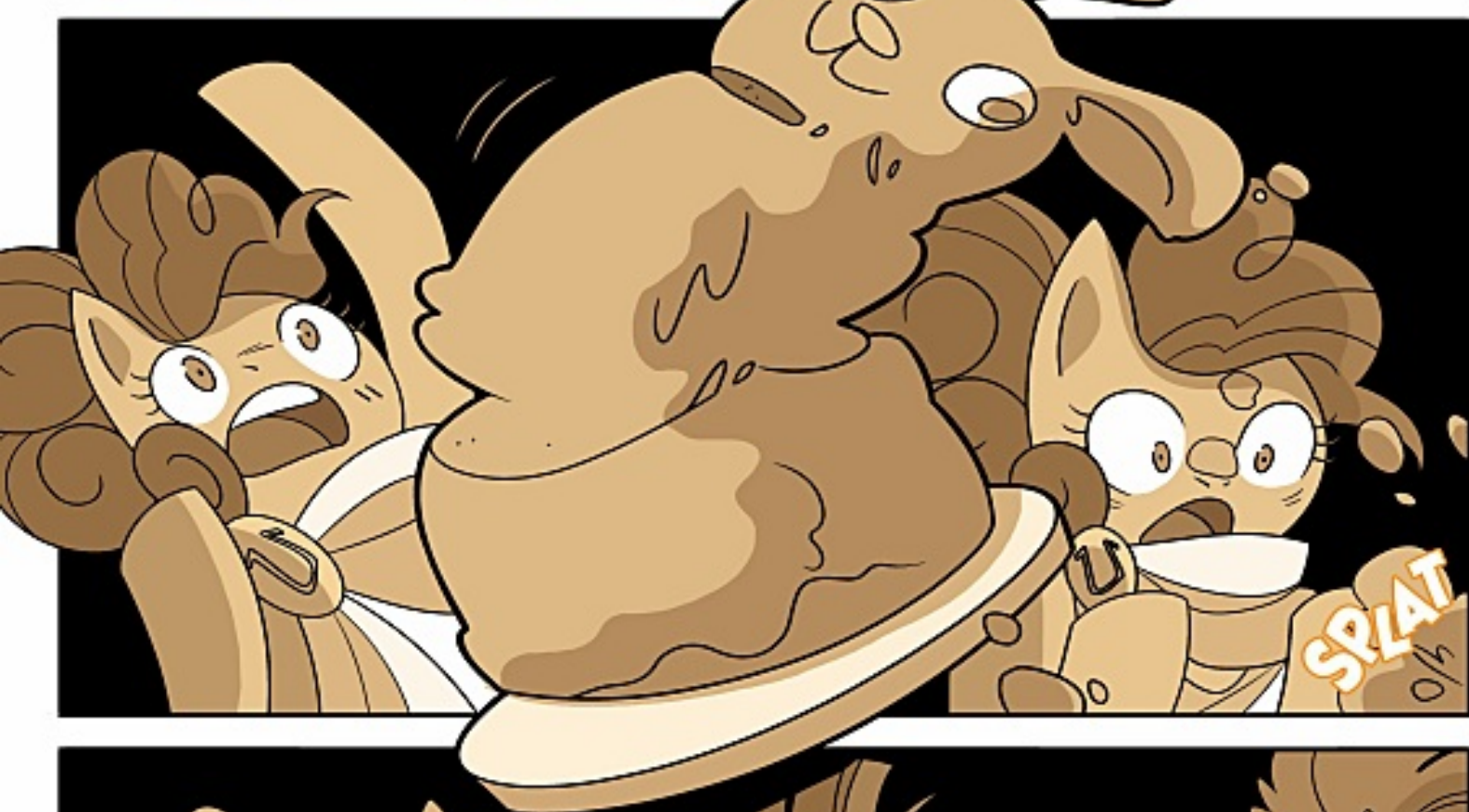
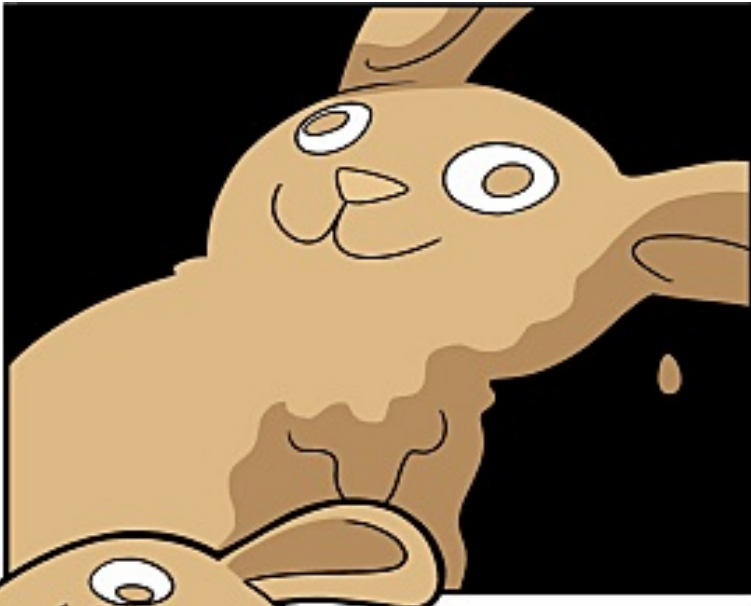
--YOU SEE, YOU'LL WANT TO ROLL OUT YOUR FONDANT FAIRLY THIN, M'DEAR! THEN, YOU'LL WANT TO MAKE--

--MY ENTRY OUT OF DONUTS. OF COURSE, THEY'RE STURDY. THEY'RE SWEET.

THEY KNOCK EVERY PONY'S SOCKS OFF. AT LEAST THEY WOULD, IF WE WORE ANY SOCKS. YEAH, TO MAKE MY DOUGH, I USE AT LEAST--

--TEN EGGS. ER, NO, WAIT. THE GREAT AND POWERFUL TRIVIA MUST CONSULT THE RECIPE AGAIN!!!







RIGHT! THAT'S
RIGHT!!!

**GIANT BAKED
APPARATUSES REQUIRE
GIANT SUPPORT
DOWELS!**



THANK YOU, *PAST ME!*
I'M SURE GLAD I *REMEMBERED*
THAT LESSON FROM THE
LOTUS-EATERS!



YOU'RE WELCOME, *PRESENT ME!*
I'M ALSO GLAD! ALSO (X2), I THINK
WE JUST BROKE TIME!



KRA-KAW-KRA.
KRA KAW KAW KRA, KRA
KAW, KRA. KRA-KRA.
KA-KRAW.*

*THE MIRACLES OF COMIC
BOOKS ARE SUCH THAT TIME
CAN NEVER BE BROKEN. HERE
IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE.**

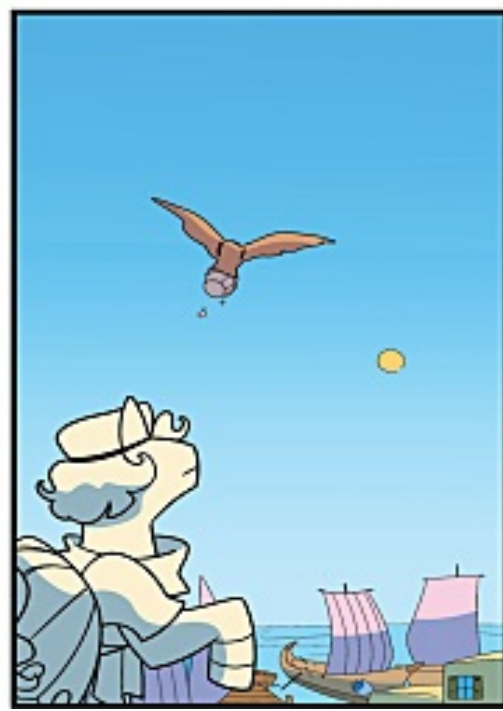
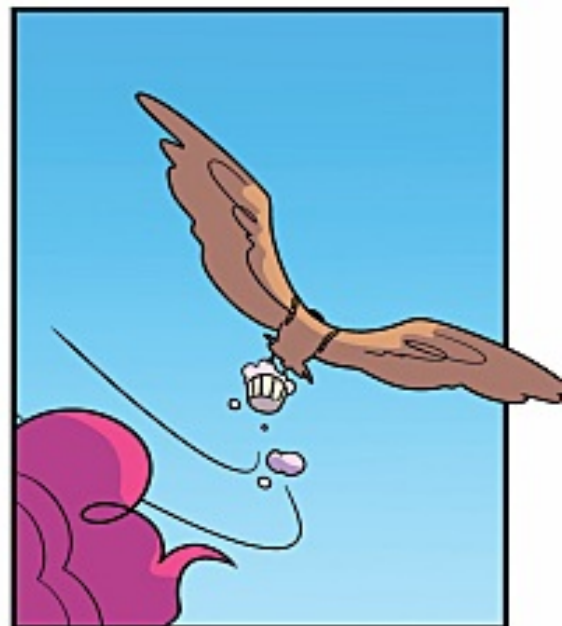
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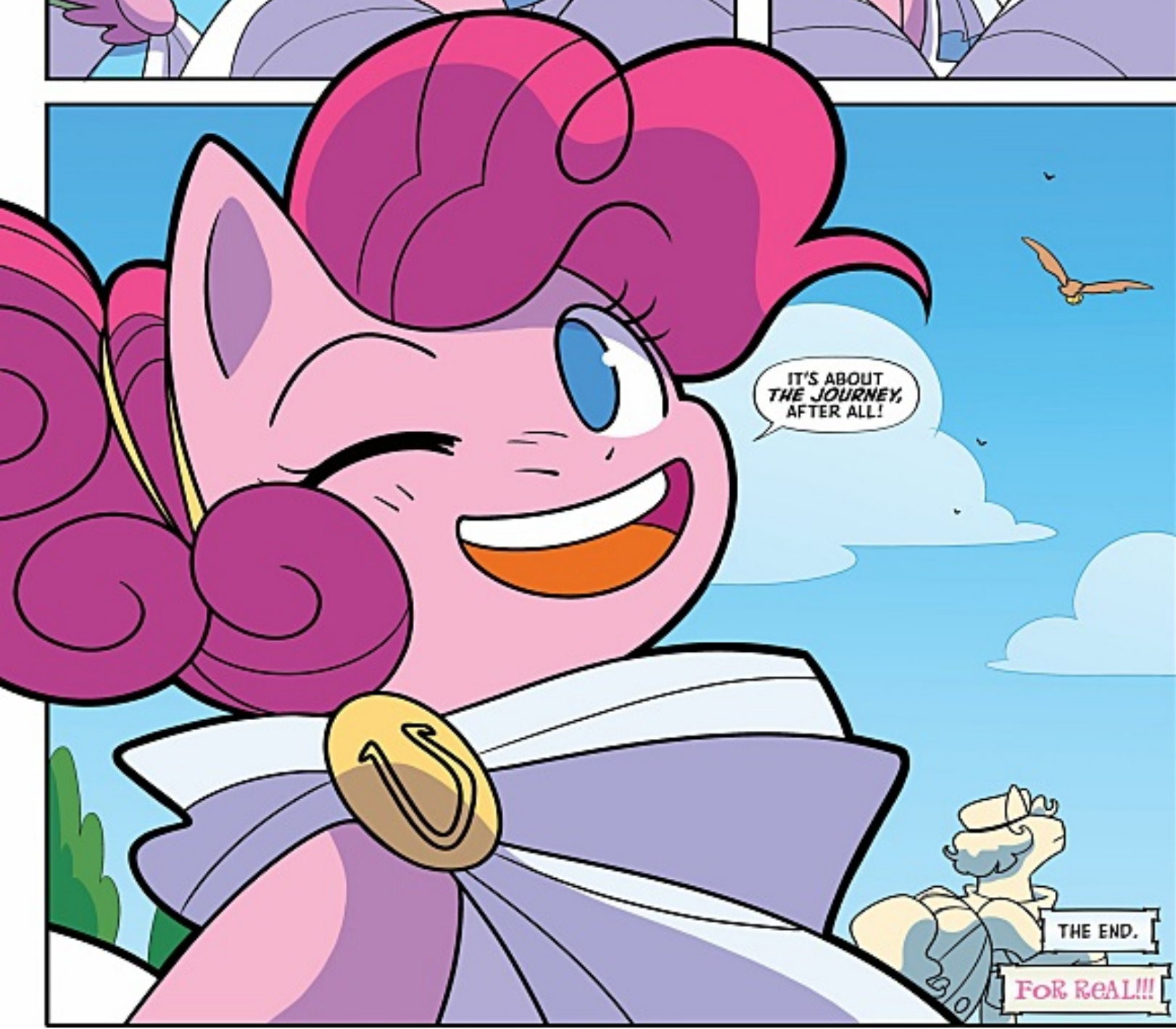


EN GARDE,
MY DELICIOUS
CUPCAKE
DISPLAY!

THAT
MEANS,
HOW DO YOU
SAY, ON YOUR
GUARD,
DELICIOUS
CUPCAKE
DISPLAY.







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